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### Board of Health to discuss future priorities

*July 10, 7–9 p.m., and July 11, 8:45 a.m.–5 p.m., Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, Wash.*

**OLYMPIA** – The Washington State Board of Health will meet in Vancouver, Washington, on July 10 and 11 to discuss new priorities for 2001-03. The meeting will begin with a work session on Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. The board will reconvene Wednesday for a daylong meeting.

On Wednesday morning, representatives of the Southwest Washington Health District will welcome the board to Vancouver and discuss the challenges Southwest Washington faces in providing access to affordable health care.

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler will then speak to the board about ways to ensure that Washingtonians have access to quality, affordable medical care and health insurance.

Next, Ida Zodrow will discuss the work of the Governor's Subcabinet on Health. As acting administrator of the Health Care Authority she is acting chair of the subcabinet.

The board will also hear a presentation about the state's \$1.1 million grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. The grant will allow the state to determine who lacks health insurance and why—and to explore ways to improve coverage and access to care.

The board will spend the afternoon discussing its priorities for the next two years.

Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the Board of Health or by visiting the board's Web site at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/>.

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The State Board of Health is composed of 10 members appointed by the Governor to represent the people of the state. The board's mission is to develop policies to promote, protect, maintain, and improve the health of Washingtonians. Visit the board's website at [www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/](http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/).